Utilization of land and buildings at Railway Stations

†1519. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plan for utilization of the land and buildings at Railway stations where loco sheds, garage sheds were hitherto functioning and have since been closed down;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to utilize the buildings and land at the Ganga Pur city Railway station in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The lad and buildings/ structures released at the stations where loco sheds, carriage and wagon depots were functioning earlier are put to alternative uses as per the requirement of the railways.

(b) and (c) Some of the buildings/structures released due to closure of steam loco shed at Gangapur City, Western Railway have been put to alternative uses such as stabling of ART, etc. Some other structures are in a highly dilapidated condition and cannot be put to any alternative use.

Subsidy to Railway Canteens and Restaurants

1520. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy provided by Government to Railways for incurring expenditure on canteens and restaurants etc. during the financial year 1999-2000, and the details of subsidy provided for each work/activity, out of them;

(b) whether the said subsidy is utilised in the interest of families or people living below the poverty line; and

(c) the details of the amount earmarked for each of the bodies mentioned in part (a) above in the 2000-2001 financial year?

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